

ALWC Quick Study Guide

Prayer



ALWC Guiding Principle #4 – Prayer is the highest privilege and the greatest weapon in the life of the believer. **Hebrews 4:16, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

Understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough. In order for it to become a part of our life, it needs to become something we look forward to doing. Jesus was a model of prayer and gave His disciples a model and the keys that we can use in growth as joint heirs with Him.

1. Prayer is: Talking, listening, and moving with God.

2. Prayer is a lifestyle - Begin the day in prayer – The example of Jesus **Mark 1:35**
 - a. **A Certain Time** – Jesus got up early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father. In order for prayer to be effective, we should do the same. Make a daily appointment with God and keep it.
 - b. **A Certain Place** – Jesus had a prayer place. Your prayer place needs to be an undistracted environment where you can pray out loud and perhaps have some worship music playing in the background.
 - c. **A Certain Plan** – Go into your prayer time with a plan. If it changes that is fine. When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He gave them the Lord’s Prayer as an outline.

3. The Lord’s Prayer – the foundational model of prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. **Luke 11:1, Matthew 6:9-13**
 - a. *Our Father in Heaven....*Connect with God relationally
 - i. God loves for us to call Him our Father. Establish your intimate relationship with Him and thank Him for the relationship that you have with Him.
 - ii. The revelation of the Father allows us to receive the Spirit of Adoption – **Romans 8:15**
 - iii. The resurrection of Christ has made us new creations who are the Sons/Daughters of God.
 - b. *Hallowed be Your Name.....*Worship His Name
 - i. God’s name is a place of protection – the righteous can run there and be safe. **Proverbs 18:10**
 - ii. God’s names reflect His Character that we receive in Christ (completely)
 - iii. Jesus is the name above all names.

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- c. *Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.....* Pray His Agenda First. **Matthew 6:33, Luke 12:31**
 - i. God's Priorities
 1. Manifestation of the Kingdom (Re-establishing Eden).
 2. Making Disciples (Unbelievers to believers, believers to worshipers, worshipers to disciples, disciples to disciple makers).
 3. Guiding those in authority – parental, spiritual, governmental, workplace/marketplace.
 4. His will in us.
 - ii. Praying for others before ourselves - Job
- d. *Give us this day our daily bread.....* Depend on Him for everything. **Psalm 121:1-2**
 - i. Depending on God's supernatural supply for us and others
 - ii. God's only limit is our faith – Elisha and the widow.
 - iii. In faith, ask God for what you want and need then trust Him for the *answer*.
- e. *Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.....* Get your heart right by forgiving and releasing the debts/offenses/burdens of others.
 - i. Ask God to check your heart and motives. Receive His forgiveness for any area that He brings to mind.
 - ii. Forgive anyone who has offended you in any way. You can even forgive in advance.
 - iii. Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive and release. John 20:21-23
- f. *And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.....* Engage in spiritual warfare. **Ephesians 6:12**
 - i. Take your stand against the enemy and fight the good fight of faith. Every lie of the enemy should be replaced with the truth of God's Word. **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**
 - ii. The victory/deliverance is already won in Him.
- g. *For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever.* Express faith in God's power and your authority. **Jeremiah 32:17**
 - i. End your prayer time by reminding yourself of God's ability. Return to praise and make your faith declarations.
 1. Yours is the Kingdom – All rule belongs to You.
 2. Yours is the Power – All mightiness flows from You.
 3. Yours is the Glory – All the fullness belongs to You.

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- ii. Faith declarations – Speak God’s Word over everything and continue throughout the day.